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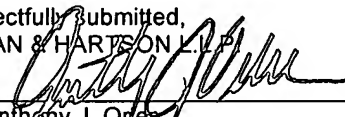
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- ☒ 4 sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal) is(are) enclosed.  
☒ 22 page(s) of specification and 1 page(s) of abstract of the invention are enclosed.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to SANKYO SEIKI MFG. CO., LTD. ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.  
☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ is enclosed ☐ will follow.  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ is enclosed ☒ will follow.  
☒ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-000671 filed January 6, 2003 from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 will follow.  
☒ IDS enclosed (☒ with 2 reference(s)).  
☐ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
☐ Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.  
☒ Return postcard is enclosed.

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A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	20	-20	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 0		
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	4	-3	1	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	86		
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							86	
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145		\$ 0	
E	BASIC FEE					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385		\$ 770	
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with 2 references
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